Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0015] on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

A balloon catheter capable of both fast and simple guidewire and catheter exchange is particularly advantageous. A catheter designed to address this need is sold by Medtronic Vascular, Inc. of Santa Rosa, Calif. under the trademarks MULTI-EXCHANGE, ZIPPER MX, ZIPPER, MX and/or MXII (hereinafter referred to as the "MX catheter"). An MX catheter is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,988,356 to Crittenden et al.; ~~co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/116,234, filed Apr. 4, 2002~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,800,065 to Duane et al.; ~~co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/251,578, filed Sep. 18, 2002~~ U.S. Patent Appl. Publ. No. 2004/0059369 A1 to Duffy et al.; ~~co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/251,477, filed Sep. 20, 2002~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,905,477 to McDonnell et al.; ~~co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/722,191, filed Nov. 24, 2003~~ U.S. Patent Appl. Publ. No. 2004/0260329 A1 to Gribbons et al.; and ~~co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/720,535, filed Nov. 24, 2003~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,893,417 to Gribbons et al., all of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

Please replace paragraph [0018] on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

A clinician may wish to perform fast and simple guidewire and catheter exchanges while maintaining a guidewire ~~guidwire~~ fully within a catheter as in a conventional OTW catheter. An alternative form of guide member that allows that capability (hereinafter referred to as the "grabber") is disclosed in ~~co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/226,789, filed Aug. 21, 2002~~ U.S. Patent Appl. Publ. No. 2004/0039372 to Carmody et al., that is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein. The grabber is similar to the guide member described above in that it is slidably coupled to a MX catheter shaft. However, the grabber does not allow a guidewire to enter or exit the MX catheter anywhere along the length of the catheter shaft. Instead, the grabber allows a clinician to apply a clamping force on a guidewire within the catheter shaft allowing him to directly manipulate the position of the guidewire within the catheter shaft.